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Title of Invention	DEVICES AND METHODS FOR REPAIRING CARDIAC VALVES

As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

☐ The attached application, or
☒ Application No. **10/760,151** filed on **January 15, 2004,**

☐ as amended on _____ (if applicable);

I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

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